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SUBJ: RVN ATTENDANCE AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE OF GROUP OF 77

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1. LATE AFTERNOON FEB 14 INDIVIDUAL WE SUBSEQUENTLY
IDENTIFIED AS PHAM VAN TRINH OF VIETNAMESE MISSION GENEVA
TELEPHONE EMBOFF ALGIERS (KANE), STATING HE HAD NOTE
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FOR LATTER FROM "MR. CASPIN". LEFT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND

ADDRESS WHERE HE STAYING (ONE OF GOVERNMENT VILLAS AT CLUB DES PINS PROVIDED BY GOA TO DELEGATIONS TO 77 CONFERENCE). AFTER CLARIFYING IDENTITY OF VIETNAMESE CALLER, AND MAKING ASSUMPTION THAT "MR. CASPIN" WAS PROBABLY US MISSION GENEVA POLITICAL COUNSELOR, MR. STEWART COTTMAN, EMBOFF TELEPHONED BACK TO TELL PHAM THAT AMBASSADOR WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AT OPENING SESSION OF CONFERENCE MORNING FEBRUARY 15.

2. THERE APPEARED TO BE NO VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AT OPENING SESSION OF CONFERENCE, NOR WAS THERE ANY SEAT SIGN FOR VIETNAM. VIETNAMESE ALSO APPARENTLY DID NOT SHOW UP FOR GOA RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES EVENING FEBRUARY 15, AT WHICH AMBASSADOR PRESENT AND WHERE HE LOOKED FOR THEM. PHILIPPINE DELEGATE SAID PHAM HAD ARRIVED WITH THEM FROM PARIS BUT COULD NOT POINT HIM OUT.

3. MORNING FEBRUARY 16, EMBOFF TELEPHONED PHAM OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AGAIN TO INQUIRE AS TO HIS ABSENCE FROM TWO EVENTS PREVIOUS DAY. WAS TOLD ON THIS OCCASION, HOWEVER, THAT PHAM WAS "IN THE CONFERENCE HALL".

4. THUS WE ARE IN SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO JUST WHAT THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IS. IT IS FULLY POSSIBLE THAT GOA HAS REPEATED ITS EARLIER TRICK OF LETTING VIETNAMESE DELEGATION INTO COUNTRY, BUT DENYING THEM ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE SCENE. ALGERIAN SECURITY MEASURES PRECLUDE US FROM SEEKING ENTRY INTO VIETNAMESE VILLA AT CLUB DES PINS, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT TO ATTEMPT TO DO THIS. BELIEVE IT BEST AT THIS POINT TO LEAVE INITIATIVE TO PHAM, ASSUMING THAT IF HE HAS ANY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PASS HE WILL CONTACT US AGAIN. PARKER

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